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SUBJECT:CHINESE AS A WORKING LANGUAGE IN UNESCO

REF: PARIS 25098

1. DEL SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF PRC DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
STUDY OF INTRODUCING CHINESE AS A WORKING LANGUAGE IN  
UNESCO.

2. AT A SEPARATE MEETING, AT LEAST A FEW DAYS LATER, THE  
DELEGATION SHOULD PROPOSE THAT UNESCO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING  
A BROAD STUDY OF THE COSTS OF ITS WORKING LANGUAGES. THIS  
PROPOSAL SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IN A MANNER THAT SEPARATES  
IT ENTIRELY FROM THE QUESTION OF THE STUDY OF INTRODUCING  
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CHINESE AS A WORKING LANGUAGE, WHICH WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN

VOTED ON. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT USG BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR UNESCO TO CONSIDER AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION THE RELATION OF THE COSTS OF ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THOSE USING THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICES. SUCH A STUDY COULD USEFULLY ANALYZE A PAY-AS-YOU-GO SYSTEM WHEREBY ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD BE ASSESSED FOR THE COSTS OF THE LANGUAGE SERVICES THEY CHOOSE TO UTILIZE, INCLUDING ENGLISH, AND THAT ANY LANGUAGE NOT NOW AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE COULD ALSO BE USED. THIS METHOD WOULD ALLOW MEMBERS TO USE THEIR NATIONAL LANGUAGE IF THEY PAY THE BILL FOR IT OR WOULD ALLOW SOME SAVINGS TO THOSE WHO

CHOOSE TO SHARE THE COSTS OF THE MORE WIDELY USED LANGUAGES.

3. FYI: WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROLIFERATION OF LANGUAGES IN THE UN SYSTEM. AMONG OTHER OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES, IT RAISES THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF LANGUAGE SERVICES BY A GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION. END FYI.

4. IF, BEFORE INTRODUCING PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, MISSION WISHES TO OFFER ANY VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER THEM. RUSH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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